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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 9 a.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

King of the Earth, we worship You. Your majesty and might sustain us. As we meditate upon Your grace and mercy, increase our faith.

Lord, guide us until we reach the destination You desire for us. Today, provide our lawmakers with Your peace. Snatch them from the powers of evil as You fill their hearts with gratitude for Your blessings. May they honor You with their thanksgiving.

Lord, stagger the enemies of freedom with Your power and permit Your purposes to prevail.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Hawaii.

Ms. HIRONO. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, let me say at the outset that I will yield the floor if either leader comes. I know they are busy in their offices, and I would be prepared to give them whatever opportunity they need.

NOMINATION OF LAUREN J. KING

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, this week, the Senate will consider Lauren King's nomination for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Ms. King is an incredibly qualified jurist with experience as a lawyer and a judge. If confirmed, she will make history—the first Native American Federal judge to serve in Washington's Western District, which is home to more than 25 federally recognized Tribes.

Ms. King received her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington, her law degree from the University of Virginia, and for more than 12 years, she has been a litigator in private practice. She has handled cases involving intellectual property, commercial contract disputes, construction litigation, and Tribal hunting and fishing rights.

In addition to her work in private practice, Ms. King has served the public as an appellate court judge in the Northwest Intertribal Court System. She has also advocated for her community as a member of the Seattle Indian Health Board, which provides care to

Native Americans and Alaskan Natives.

Ms. King has long been recognized as a leader in the legal community. She served on the board of the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association, has chaired both the Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Section Conference and the Washington State Bar Association's Indian Law Section.

How is she rated by the American Bar Association? "Well qualified."

Ms. King has the strong support of her home State Senators, MURRAY and CANTWELL, and bipartisan support in our Judiciary Committee, with Ranking Member GRASSLEY and Senator GRAHAM joining us in supporting her nomination.

Her nomination has been endorsed by dozens of Tribes and Tribal organizations throughout the United States, including the National Congress of American Indians, the Native American Rights Fund, and the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes. Ms. King has given back to her community every step of her career.

With her confirmation, the Members of the Senate can continue the vital work of building the Federal judiciary that really reflects the diversity of this Nation.

I urge my colleagues to support her nomination.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, today is the first Monday in October. It is the date that marks the start of a new term for the U.S. Supreme Court.

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